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SUMMARY: POPULAR MOSCOW DAILY NEWSPAPER CARRIES LONG
ARTICLE DETAILING CHARGES AGAINST ORLOV AND PROCLAIMING
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF HIS CONVICTION. END SUMMARY.

1. ARTICLE IN EVENING LOCAL PAPER "VECHERNYAYA MOSKVA",
MAY 18, 1978 (SAME DAY AS SENTENCING) BY R. TOPOLEV,
ENTITLED "FROM THE COURTROOM: MARKED CARD", PROVIDES
SOVIET CITIZENS WITH THEIR FIRST ACCOUNT OF THE TRIAL
AND SENTENCING OF YURIY ORLOV. BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE
ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

--FROM 1973-77 ORLOV BUSIED HIMSELF WITH ANTI-SOVIET
AGITATION AND PROPAGANDA, PREPARED AND DISTRIBUTED
DOCUMENTS CONTAINING SLANDEROUS FABRICATIONS DENIGRATING
THE SOVIET STATE AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE, I.E., COMMITTED
THE CRIME SPECIFIED IN PART I, ARTICLE 70 OF THE RSFSR
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--ORLOV DEDICATED HIMSELF TO COMPILING TENDENTIOUS,
FALSE INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN ANTI-SOVIET PUBLICATIONS AN
RADIO SATIONS, AND TO FACILITATE THIS HE CULTIVATED CLOS
RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOME OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS
ACCREDITED IN MOSCOW (KRIMSKY, TOTH, FRIENDLY, WREN AND

OSNOS) AND SUPPLIED THEM WITH "REPORTS".

--IN ATTEMPTING TO PORTRAY THE SOVIET UNION AS VIOLATING THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT, ORLOV FABRICATED SUCH STORIES AS THAT OF A RIGA DOCK STRIKE IN AUGUST 1976, BUT ACCORDING TO COURT WITNESS V. VARN, NO SUCH STRIKE EVER TOOK PLACE.

--CERTAIN PEOPLE WERE CITED BY ORLOV AS VICTIMS OF POLITICAL REPRESSION, BUT THE TRUE PICTURE IS AS FOLLOWS: VOLKOV AND RYBAKOV WERE SENTENCED FOR LARCENY AND INVETERATE HOOLIGANISM, BABICH FOR STEALING A GUN, KOVTUNENKO FOR BRIBES, AND BLEYMAN, MIT'KO AND UVAROV WERE NEVER TAKEN TO COURT.

--ORLOV'S CLAIMS OF THE USE OF "PSYCHIATRIC REPRESSION" FOR POLITICAL CONVICTIONS WERE REFUTED IN COURT BY VARIOUS WITNESSES (WHOSE NAMES ARE LISTED).

--THE LIST COMPILED BY ORLOV OF JEWS ALLEGEDLY FORCED TO STAY IN THE SOVIET UNION INCLUDED THE NAMES OF Z. SHAMRAY, A. ROM AND D. KOFMANSKIY, WHO HAVE ALREADY LEFT FOR ISRAEL, AND THE OTHERS ON THE LIST NEVER EVEN APPLIED FOR EMIGRATION.

--NEITHER ORLOV NOR HIS THIRD WIFE WORKED DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS, BUT THEY LIVED WELL OFF THEIR "TIPS" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM FOREIGNERS AND PACKAGES FROM ABROAD, TUNING EVERYTHING FROM SKEINS OF MOHAIR AND RADIOS INTO MONEY IN THE COMMISSION SHOPS. THESE PACKAGES CONTAINED EVERYTHING FROM SEWING MATERIALS TO MEN'S COTTON UNDERSHORTS.

--ORLOV WAS OFFICIALLY WARNED AS LONG AGO AS MAY OF 1976 THAT HE WOULD BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL UNLESS HE CEASED HIS ACTIVITY, BUT HE CONTINUED TO INCITE WESTERN COUNTRIES TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE SOVIET UNION. WHEN HE WAS SEARCHED, "BULLETINS" FROM ANTI-SOVIET CENTER WERE FOUND, AS WELL AS HIS OWN SLANDEROUS WRITINGS.

--IN COURT ORLOV CONDUCTED HIMSELF LIKE A CARD PLAYER CAUGHT WITH A MARKED CARD IN HIS HAND, SHIFTING, FIDGETING, AND ASKING THE WITNESSES PROVOCATIVE QUESTIONS. PEOPLE AT THE TRIAL WERE DISTURBED AND INDIGNANT AT HIS BEHAVIOR (A COLUMN OF SUITABLE QUOTATION FROM THOSE PRESENT IN THE HALL IS PROVIDED).

--THE CHARGES AGAINST ORLOV WERE FULLY PROVEN, AND HE WAS SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS DEPRIVATION OF FREEDOM AND FIVE YEARS EXILE.

--AMONG SOME CIRCLES IN THE WEST A "LAMENT" FOR ORLOV IS ALREADY AUDIBLE. INDEED, ANOTHER FALSIFIER (AND YOU CAN COUNT THEM ON THE FINGERS OF ONE HAND) HAS BEEN CAUGHT RED-HANDED* HIS NAME HAS ALREADY APPEARED ON THE PAGES OF ANTI-SOVIET NEWSPAPERS AND ANTI-SOVIET RADIO STATIONS ARE GRIEVING OVER HIM.

2. ANOTHER LOCAL NEWSPAPER, "MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA" CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON THE TRIAL ON MAY 19, THIS ONE BY A. KULIKOV AND ENTITLED "ON A HOSTILE WAVE: NOTES FROM A SESSION OF THE MOSCOW CITY COURT." WHILE MATCHING THE

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"VECHERNYAYA MOSKVA" ARTICLE IN TONE AND IN MOST DETAILS, IT MENTIONS SEVERAL ADDITIONAL NAMES (OF DOCKWORKERS LISTED BY ORLOV BUT WHOM THE AUTHOR CLAIMS NEVER WORKED IN THE PORT OF RIGA) AND SPECIFIED THAT THE BULLETINS FOUND ON ORLOV'S PERSON WERE "FROM RADIO LIBERTY AND COORDINATING AGENCIES OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OF NATO." MATLOCK

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